

Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS - Chapter 445 of the Nevada Revised Statutes prohibits any person from discharging or injecting through a well into waters of the State unless his discharge or injection is authorized by the Division of Environmental Protection.

REQUIREMENTS - If your mining, milling, or other beneficiation process activity uses water of any source or quality and that water is biologically, chemically or physically altered because of this use, you must file an application for a water pollution control permit. This requirement to file applies to all users even if no discharge is intended.

PROCEDURES FOR FILING - Copies of the application form are available at the Division of Environmental Protection, 333 W. Nye Lane, Carson City, Nevada. Additional information sufficient to describe and explain the proposed activity must be included with the completed form. Contents of the supporting information are detailed in the Regulations governing the design, construction, operation and closure of mining operations, NAC 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447.

The completed application form, application fee and supporting information must be filed at the following address:

Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
Division of Environmental Protection
333 W. Nye Lane
Carson City, NV 89706-0866

SIGNATURE ON APPLICATION - The application must be signed by the owner or, for partnership or corporation, an executive officer whose name appears in Part I. If the owner, does not operate the facility, the operator or his designated agent must also sign the application.

USE OF INFORMATION - All information contained in this application will, upon request, be made available to the public for inspection and copying. A separate sheet entitled "Confidential Information" must be used to set out information which is considered by the applicant to constitute trade secrets. The information must clearly indicate the item number to which it applies. Confidential treatment can be considered only for that information for which a specific written request of confidentiality has been made. However, in no event will identification of the contents, volume, and frequency of a discharge be recognized as confidential or privileged information, except in certain cases involving the national security.

DEFINITIONS

1. Person
 - A. The State or any agency or institution thereof, any individual, partnership, firm, private corporation, trust, estate, commission, board, public or private institution, utility, cooperative, municipality or other political subdivision of this State, any interstate body or any other legal entity.
 - B. Includes the United States, to the extent authorized by federal law.
2. Waters of the State. All waters situated wholly or partly within or bordering upon this State, including but not limited to:
 - A. All streams, lakes, ponds, impounding reservoirs, marshes, water courses, waterways, wells, springs, irrigation systems, and drainage systems; and
 - B. All bodies or accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural or artificial.

APPLICATION FEE - Applications for a water pollution control permit submitted to or required by the Administrator shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Review of the application consistent with NAC 445A.400 will not commence until the required fee has been paid.